

## **Office of Justice Programs Science Advisory Board**

### **1. Board's Official Designation**

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Science Advisory Board (hereinafter, "the Board").

### **2. Authority**

The Board is established under Agency authority and will be governed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

### **3. Objectives and Scope of Authority**

The objectives and scope of activity of the Board are to provide the office of the Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) with valuable advice in the areas of social science and statistics for the purpose of enhancing the overall impact and performance of its programs and activities in criminal and juvenile justice. The Board will provide input into developing long-range plans, advise on program development, and provide guidance to ensure adherence to the highest levels of scientific rigor, as appropriate. The Board will provide an important base of contact with the criminal justice academic and practitioner communities.

### **4. Description of Duties**

- Provides an extra-agency review in ensuring that the programs and activities at OJP are scientifically sound and pertinent to criminal and juvenile justice policymakers and practitioners.
- Provides advice and recommendations concerning support for OJP's social science research, statistics, and grant programs.
- Serves as a base of contact with the academic and practitioner communities to inform OJP of the impact of its social science research, statistics, and grant programs in both the academic community and the criminal and juvenile justice fields.
- Offers broad input into long-range plans and partnership opportunities.
- Serves as a forum for consideration of proposed interdisciplinary projects across the social sciences.
- Advises on policy development, program implementation and evaluation, and identifies research needs and opportunities.

### **5. Agency or Official to Whom the Board Reports**

The Board shall report to the Attorney General through the AAG/OJP within the U.S. Department of Justice.

**6. Support Services**

OJP will provide all necessary support.

**7. Designated Federal Officer**

The overall operation of the Board shall be managed by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), who shall be a full-time career employee of the office of the AAG/OJP, appointed in accordance with agency procedures. The DFO (or alternate DFO) will perform all responsibilities and functions as required per 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.120.

Regular and subcommittee meeting dates shall be set in consultation with the DFO. The DFO, or designee, will be present at all meetings, and each meeting will be conducted in accordance with the agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so. The DFO shall chair meetings when directed by the AAG/OJP, or his/her designee, to do so.

**8. Membership and Designation**

The Board shall be composed of eighteen members.

The Attorney General will appoint all of the members of the Board. In consultation with the Director of the National Institute of Justice, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the AAG/OJP will recommend Board members and the Board's Chair to the Attorney General.

Members will be selected to achieve a balance of backgrounds, experiences, viewpoints, and expertise in both scientific areas and as criminal and juvenile justice professionals. At least 60 percent of the Board members shall be research scholars, experienced and published in areas including: criminology, criminal justice, juvenile justice, tribal justice, statistics, economics, sociology, political science, and other relevant behavioral sciences.

Members will not receive compensation. Reimbursement for travel and per diem will be outlined in the Board Operating Procedures.

**9. Subcommittees**

The Agency authorizes subcommittees and appointments to subcommittees of the Board through the AAG/OJP, the DFO, the Directors of the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Three subcommittees will be initially established, and more may be added as needed. One subcommittee will be established to address issues relating to each of the following offices: the National Institute of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The

subcommittees must regularly coordinate with and report back to the Board, which will be responsible for reviewing and considering all of the products of the subcommittees. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the agency.

**10. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years**

The annual operating costs associated with supporting the functions of the Board are estimated to be \$190,000 per year. This estimate includes staff support of 1.5 federal employees.

**11. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings**

The full Board will meet approximately twice a year at the call of the AAG/OJP (or designee) to carry out the duties identified in this Charter. The subcommittees may meet more often. Regular and subcommittee meeting dates shall be set in consultation with the DFO.

**12. Recordkeeping**

The federal records of the Board shall be handled in accordance with NARA General Records Schedule 26, Item 2, and applicable agency policies. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 522, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

**13. Duration**

Continuing.

**14. Termination Date**

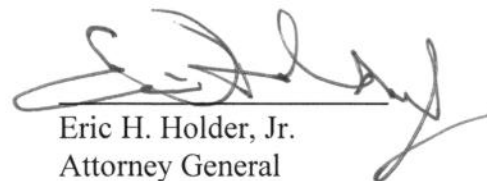
This Charter shall expire 2 years from its filing date and is subject to renewal, in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

**15. Filing Date**

The filing date is the date the charter is filed with Congress.

August 23, 2010

Date

  
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